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SUMMARY: AT AUG. 14 PLENARY, NETHERLANDS AND USSR
DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION, POLAND ENMOD
RESTRAINTS AND QUESTION OF NON-USE ASSURANCES TO
NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES, AND EGYPT A VARIETY OF NON-
PROLIFERATION ISSUES. JAPAN TABLED WORKING PAPER ON
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CHEMICAL WEAPONS. END SUMMARY.

1. VAN DER KLAUW (NETHERLANDS), NOTING TERM "WIDESPREAD, LONG-TERM AND SEVERE" IN LAWS OF WAR CONTEXT AND TERM "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE" IN 1974 US-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT, SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO STUDY POSSIBILITIES OF MAKING QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN ENMOD ACTIVITIES. REFERRING TO THESE THREE CRITERIA, VAN DER KLAUW FORESAW "SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF DEFINITION WHEN WE COME TO TREATY LANGUAGE. IF WE WOULD ONLY BAN THOSE ACTIVITIES HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING -AND/OR SEVERE EFFECTS, IT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH A BORDERLINE BETWEEN WHAT IS ALLOWED AND WHAT IS NOT."

2. VAN DER KLAUW REFERRED TO DISCREPANCY BETWEEN USE OF "AND" IN LAWS OF WAR CRITERIA AND USE OF "OR" IN JOINT STATEMENT CRITERIA AND STATED THAT, WHILE SOME ENMOD ACTIVITIES WOULD BE BANNED BY NEW GENEVA CONVENTIONS, OTHER POSSIBLY IMPORTANT ONES WOULD NOT. VAN DER KLAUW ASKED HOW IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH HOSTILE INTENT WHEN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES CAPABLE OF HAVING HARMFUL EFFECTS ON NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS DIVERSION OF RIVERS IN BORDER AREAS, COULD BE USED FOR EITHER HOSTILE OR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. HE SAID THIS DILEMMA DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL REGIME, PERHAPS UNDER UNEP, IN WHICH AN ENMOD ACTIVITY WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IF ALL AFFECTED STATES WOULD AGREE TO IT OR BE ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED. HE DOUBTED SUCH A REGIME COULD BE SET UP IN NEAR FUTURE, AND IN MEAN-TIME WE SHOULD NEGOTIATE TREATY BANNING ENMOD WITH HOSTILE INTENT. SINCE SUCH A TREATY WOULD PERHAPS CREATE VERIFICATION PROBLEMS, GOOD COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES WOULD BE ESSENTIAL.

3. ROSHCHIN (USSR) SAID MOST ENMOD TECHNIQUES ARE STILL HYPOTHETICAL BUT THAT IN FUTURE THEY COULD POSE MAJOR DANGER AS MEANS OF WARFARE. NOW IS OPPORTUNE TIME TO PROHIBIT MEANS OF INFLUENCING ENVIRONMENT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILITARY AND OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES. HE ADDED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY NOT INTERFERE WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN FIELD OF ENMOD FOR BENEFIT OF MANKIND.

4. WYZNER (POLAND), COMMENTING ON QUESTION OF NON-USE ASSURANCES IN NWFZ CONTEXT, HELD THAT POLAND'S DESIRE TO RECEIVE SUCH ASSURANCE WAS A PRINCIPAL MOTIVATION

FOR ITS NWFZ PROPOSAL IN CENTRAL EUROPE. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED THAT, SINCE NO ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT COULD DISREGARD FACT THAT SECURITY DEPENDS ON STABILITY OF BALANCE BETWEEN MILITARY ALLIANCES, APPROPRIATE SECURITY GUARANTEES MUST RESULT FROM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

5. TURNING TO ENMOD, WYZNER PRAISED IMPORTANT SOVIET INITIATIVE AND CALLED IT IMPERATIVE TO ADOPT PROHIBITIONS WHERE CHANCE OF ABUSE EXISTS. HE CALLED IT ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS CANNOT BE PUT TO USE FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PEACEFUL. THUS, WHILE IT WOULD BE WRONG TO INTERFERE WITH RESEARCH INTO EFFECTS OF HIGH FLYING AIRCRAFT UPON UPPER ATMOSPHERE AND PARTICULARLY OZONE LAYER, RESEARCH INTO DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION OF OZONE LAYER MUST BE OUTLAWED. WYZNER NOTED DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING CLEAR LINES IN ENMOD AREA. "WHAT FOR A LARGE COUNTRY CAN BE A MERE REPARTITION OF RAINFALL, FOR A SMALL ONE IT MAY MEAN A CATAclysm OF ENORMOUS PROPORTIONS."

6. OSMAN (EGYPT) CRITICIZED NUCLEAR POWERS' FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE VI, REAFFIRMED THAT EGYPT WOULD ADHERE TO NPT MOMENT THAT ISRAEL DID SO, CALLED FOR COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND QUESTIONED WISDOM OF SEEKING SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF PNES OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF NON-PROLIFERATION.

7. OSMAN CITED RECENT SWEDISH STATEMENT ON TENDENCY TO DEAL WITH ARMS CONTROL ISSUES BILATERALLY AND SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAD RIGHT TO BE BETTER INFORMED AND TO BE CONSULTED ON THESE MATTERS. IN VIEW OF LACK OF RESULTS AT CCD, IT MAY SOON BE TIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR A WIDER FORUM TO PROMOTE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, SUCH AS SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA AND/OR WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

8. NISIBORI (JAPAN) SAID CCD WAS WAITING FOR JOINT US-SOVIET INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. AS STEP TOWARD SOLVING PROBLEMS OF CLASSIFICATION OF CHEMICAL AGENTS AND OF VERIFICATION SYSTEMS, HE SUBMITTED WORKING PAPER ON "THE SCOPE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS THAT HAVE JUSTIFICATION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND AN EXAMPLE OF THE NATIONAL VERIFICATION SYSTEM." (COPIES POUCHED ACDA/IR.)

9. COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION OF APPROVAL AND TRANSMITTAL OF NWFZ STUDY (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

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